

Competition Motorcycles

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New Information

Closed course racing and/or competition (racing) motorcycles are frequently loaned to racing teams by manufacturers to be used specifically for racing and are usually returned to the manufacturer. These vehicles cannot be registered.

Applications for registration of motorcycles manufactured specifically for racing must be **refused**, as they are not intended:

- **To be registered.**
- **For retail sale.**
- For recreational use.
- To be driven on public highways.

Not all manufacturers identify racing motorcycles in the same manner. Some racing motorcycles may:

- Lack a 17-digit vehicle identification number (VIN).
- Not bear a label indicating it meets California or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on-road emissions requirements for 1978 and newer motorcycles.
- Not bear a label indicating it meets Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS).
- Bear a “Competition Only” label.
- Be issued a manufacturer’s certificate/statement of origin stating “Competition Only.”

NOTE: Some racing motorcycles **may** be registered as a noncomplying off-highway vehicle (OHV). To be eligible for noncomplying OHV registration (red sticker), the eighth digit of the VIN must be number “3” or letter “C” and the motorcycle must be certified by the California Air Resources Board (ARB) for noncomplying OHV registration. Continue to follow the registration procedures in *Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual* §15.050 **and** require an Executive Order from ARB to confirm the vehicle’s eligibility for OHV registration.

Verification Procedures

When completing a Verification of Vehicle (REG 31) form for a motorcycle, make a note in the REMARKS section if a “Competition Only” label is observed.

Application Review Procedures

When processing an application for original motorcycle registration, review the documents to determine if the vehicle is a racing motorcycle as follows:

- The REG 31 may indicate the vehicle:
 - Lacks a 17-digit VIN.
 - Lacks an EPA label.
 - Lacks an FMVSS label.
 - Bears a “Competition Only” label.
- The manufacturer’s certificate/statement of origin may indicate “Competition Only.”

Application Review Procedures, *continued*

If you determine the application must be refused, **do not** collect fees and return the application to the customer.

If you are unable to determine if the application being presented is for a racing motorcycle, contact the Technical Compliance Section (TCS) at (916) 657-6795.

For more information about the On-road New Vehicle and Engine Certification program and to locate Executive Orders, contact ARB by phone at 1-800-242-4450 or visit their website at **www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/onroad/cert/cert.php#6**.

Background

Closed course racing and/or competition motorcycles are not legal for sale in California unless certified by ARB. A vehicle must demonstrate that the exhaust and emission control systems comply with emission standards to become certified. Manufacturers and/or selling dealers may be subject to a fine of up to \$5000 per vehicle for a violation of ARB certification requirements.

References

California Vehicle Code §38390

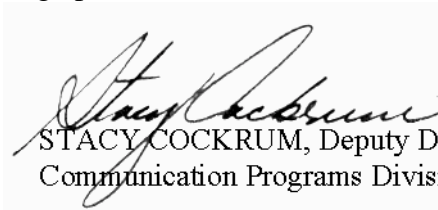
Vehicle Industry Registration Procedures Manual, Chapter 15

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